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SUBJECT: FINNISH RESPONSE - WMD FOREIGN CONSEQUENCE
MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REF: SECSTATE 12882

[1](#)1. (U) Embassy Helsinki POL, ECON and DAO have reviewed the proposed language for subject MOU and can identify no changes that would improve the likelihood of Finnish Government interest.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Without having consulted host country officials, Embassy judges the likelihood of GOF interest in concluding such an MOU with the United States to be high. Finland has consistently taken a very pro-active interest in international cooperative efforts aimed at limiting the spread of WMD, and at this point we have little reason to believe they would oppose a possible avenue for international cooperation in the areas of WMD disaster consequence management.

[1](#)3. (U) Finnish MFA points of contact for further action on this issue would likely be Laura Kansikas-DeBrais, Director of the Political Department's Unit for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, and/or Marja Lehto, Director of the Legal Department's Unit for Public International Law.
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